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## American Fern Society

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have appointed the following members a committee to make nominations for officers for the year 1916: Miss Nellie Mirick, Mr. Robert A. Ware, and Rev. James A. Bates.

C. H. BISSELL, *President.*

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THE SUMMER MEETINGS.—The present number is issued especially early in order that the final plans for the Central New York field meeting may be thoroughly known. The meet will be held July 13-16, with headquarters at the Mizpah Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y. Visiting members may stop at any of the downtown hotels, of which there are several good ones, or arrangements can be made for rooms at lower rates in the University section provided application is made beforehand to R. C. Benedict.

The first meeting planned is an informal reception to be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 405 Comstock Ave., at 8 P. M., Tuesday, July 13, to which invitation is hereby given. At this time the actual plans for the field trips will be thoroughly discussed and the evening will also give a good chance for members to get well acquainted. Those who expect to be present are requested to send a word to Mrs. Spalding.

The first trip will take place the following morning. The route will be by way of a Suburban R. R. trolley car for Jamesville, leaving the downtown terminal at 8:30 A. M. Bring lunch. The main object of the whole meeting is to visit the Green Lakes region near Jamesville. These lakes (there are two) are famous geologically as representing the plunge basins of former glacial waterfalls comparable with Niagara. Today they are

small bodies of water surrounded on three sides by steep rubble banks and cliffs several hundred feet high. The lakes are also famous as harboring in their environs the best stations in North America for the hart's tongue fern. Tennessee has a few small plants; Ontario, Canada, has a few more, as described by H. E. Ransier in an early JOURNAL. In the Jamesville region it will be possible for members to see and collect leaves (not plants) in considerable quantity and of good size.

Besides the hart's tongue it will probably be possible to see in the same section the slender cliff brake, purple cliff brake, adder's tongue, the Onondaga grape fern (*Botrychium onondagense*), the oak-fern, Goldie's fern, and other species of *Dryopteris*. Of special interest will be the possibility of rediscovering the original plant of the hybrid, *Dryopteris Goldiana*  $\times$  *intermedia*, which is known only from its original discovery in this region and which is the most striking of all the hybrids, a tall-growing black-scaled plant of *Goldiana* habit with the cutting approximating that of *intermedia*. *D. Goldiana*  $\times$  *marginalis* has been found near one of the lakes at least twice.

One of the two lakes has, with seventy-five acres surrounding, been recently presented to the State as a park, and is known as the Clark Reservation in honor of its donor. There is now under way in Syracuse, with strong prospects of success, a movement to have the other lake with seven hundred and fifty acres set aside also as a state preserve in order to protect both its geological and its botanical features. If this is not done there is immediate danger that the land may be purchased and developed by a lime company.

Three days will probably be spent about the lakes. Other trips can then be arranged if desirable. We expect all the Central New York members to be there with a good representation from New England, New York, and Pennsylvania, and, we hope, other sections.

Members who are in California this summer should not fail to attend the Society meeting at the Herbarium of the University of California, Hearst Mining Building, Berkeley, at 2 P. M., Monday, August 2. A notice of it appeared in the last number of the JOURNAL.

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A pleasant fern meeting was held at Worcester, Mass., on May 8, in the rooms of the local Natural History Society, to whom, and especially to their curator, Mrs. Horr, thanks are due. About 25 persons were present. Mr. Jackson welcomed the visitors to Worcester, pointing out, among other things, that that city has one member of the Fern Society to every 50,000 of its inhabitants and that if the same ratio were maintained throughout the United States, the Society would number 1,800—a millennial condition. Short talks on various subjects of interest to fern lovers were given by Miss Rowe, Miss Marshall, and Messrs. Bissell, Ware, and Winslow, and there was a liberal display of specimens, local and exotic. It is, not for the first time, earnestly recommended that members in other parts of the country get together for similar local meetings. They are worth the trouble.

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New members—Dr. James H. Barr, Yuba City, Cal.; Mrs. L. P. Breckenridge, 412 Humphrey St., New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Mary Flannery, 608 D St., Marysville, Cal.; Charles N. Forbes, Bishop Museum, Honolulu, H. I.; Miss Daisy Levy, 403 West 115th St., New York City; Johannes Reimers, 2637 Rose St., Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. Herbert S. Utley, 299 Blue Hills Ave., Hartford, Conn.; Miss Mary L. Utley, 301 Blue Hills Ave., Hartford, Conn. Change of address—Rev. H. G. Limric, Apartado 221, Sagua la Grande, Cuba. The name of one of our

new members, Mrs. Charles Pratt, 4806 South Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y., was given, by mistake, as Miss Maria F. Pratt in the last number of the JOURNAL. Through another error, the name of Miss M. A. Marshall, Still River, Mass., was omitted from the printed list of members.

Mrs. M. A. Noble has generously added to her former gift the four numbers of Vol. V of the Fern Bulletin. This gives the Society a complete set up to and including Vol. XI.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden will build special fern beds to house a Society fern garden if members will send in the plants. Let us start it now. Send in any rarities which are in danger of destruction.

In response to a suggestion of Dr. Benedict's in a recent number of the JOURNAL, Mrs. D. S. Hartline, State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa., writes that she has a successful fern garden and would be "only too happy" to receive any living plants to add to her collection and would pay postage on them.

Rev. James A. Bates, South Royalston, Mass., offers for sale unmounted herbarium specimens, partly ferns, at \$5 per hundred. Write to him for further particulars.

A member asks where living ferns of the Southwest can be obtained. Write the Carnegie Experiment Station, Tucson, Ariz. They can put you in touch with some reliable dealer.